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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 5 MEDIA REACTION TO UPCOMING KISSINGER
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1. AL-AHRAM MAIN FRONTPAGE STORY REPORTED KISSINGER'S
CURRENT TOUR "ATTEMPTS TO DISCOVER PRESENT PROSPECTS OF
ARAB-ISRAELI POLITICAL SETTLEMENT FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS OF
SEVENTH ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE." STORY QUOTED KISSINGER
AS SAYING IN BUCHAREST THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO "CONSULT
WITH ALL PARTIES ON IMPORTANCE OF RABAT SUMMIT AND
POSSIBLE FUTURE STEPS TOWARD PEACE." PAPER NOTED THAT
KISSINGER'S CURRENT VISIT IS SECOND WITHIN MONTH AND THAT IT
IS MADE "AMIDIST GREAT ZIONIST PRESSURES IN THE U.S. TO FORCE
FORD ADMINISTRATION TO REVISE ME POLICIES." AL-AHRAM'S
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CARTOON SHOWED KISSINGER PUZZLED BECAUSE PLAN TO CREATE

PALESTINIAN STATE HAS CHANGED LANDMARKS IN ME.

2. ALL PAPERS REPORTED THAT CONCERN ABOUT ME WAS EXPRESSED TO KISSINGER BY RUMANIAN AND YUGOSLAV LEADERS. AL-AKHBAR'S

3- COL FRONTPAGE PHOTO SHOWED KISSINGER STARTED HIS VISITS, HOWEVER, AL-AHRAM AND A1-GOMHOURIYA DID NOT CARRY FRONTPAGE PHOTO'S OF KISSINGER.

3. AL-AKHBAR CARRIED BANNER HEADLINE ON SENATOR AIKEN'S CRITICISM OF EXTENSIVE U.S. AID TO ISRAEL AND DETAILED REPORT OF ALSOP COLUMN ON ARMS SHIPMENT TO ISRAEL. (REFERENCE TO AIKEN WAS LOWER KEY IN OTHER PAPERS.) AL-AKHBAR ALSO QUOTED WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV REPORTS THAT "ZIONIST ELEMENTS AND SOME INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES IN PENTAGON, CIA AND STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE STARTED TO EXCALATE CRITICISM AND HOSTILITY CAMPAIGNS AGAINST KISSINGER'S POLICIES." QUOTING "TRUST-WORTHY DIPLOMATS AND WELL INFORMED COMMENTATORS." PAPER SAID THAT MAJOR MEDIA CAPITALS NOW TALK ABOUT "INCREASING CONCERN AND SUSPICION ABOUT U.S. POLICY" AND "ARAB FEARS THAT EXTENSIVE AID PLEDGES BY FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON MAY NOT MATERIALIZE."

4. EDITORIALYY AL-AKHBAR SAID THAT AIKEN'S CRITICISM NOT ONLY REFLECTS ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR MASSIVE ARMS, BUT ALSO "POINTS OUT THE BEGINNING OF RESENTFUL FEELINGS INSIDE U.S. AND EVEN AMONG CONGRESSMEN KNOWN FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO ISRAEL." PAPER ATTRIBUTED THIS CHANGE TO "HEAVY BURDEN THROWN BY ISRAEL ON U.S. SHOULDER."
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